

Little Blues Open Season By Trampling Williston, 48-8, Here

J. D. Lewis Leads Squad To Victory

LITTLE BLUES OPENSEASON WITH HEATWAVE

The Ligon High School Little Blues opened its 28th year of football last Friday night under the reins of veteran football Coach "Pete" Williams by trampling Williston High, of Wilmington, 48-8, at Chavis Park here.

Substitutions for the Little Blues only proved to increase the intensity of the host's attack, as the subs acted in the final period of play, by rolling up 20 points. It was the first game of the season for both clubs.

Co-captain Harold Allen, halfback for the Blues, scooped a pair of T. D.'s as Ligon rolled up 471 yards of offense including 200 in the air. J. D. Lewis proved his facts on the gridiron, in addition to his considerable tennis talent, by sneaking in from a yard out and teaming with end Willie Pulley on a 93-yard pass play.

Forty-seven yards were gained in the final seconds of play by the Williston Club as the visitors scored their only T. D. of the game on a toss from George Batts to Franklin Johnson.

The Blues' defense forced the Williston Tigers to turn over the ball seven times during the game, three by fumbles and two by interceptions. Ligon was guilty of five fumbles, but the visitors did not take advantage of these grace periods which were granted by the Little Blues.

HIGH SCHOOL GRID SCORES
Ligon (Little Blues) - 48
Williston (Tigers) - 8

Garner (Tigers) - 8
P. E. Harrison (Buildogs) - 22
Fruquay (Bisons) - 0
Chatham - 34

B. T. Washington (R. Mount) - 20
Dillard (Goldshores) - 0

Football Schedule for Friday, September 16:
Ligon at Epbes (Greenville)

Fuquay at Pittsboro (Horton)
Siler City at Wake Forest (Du Bois)

all the tools to make it gib this year. "He has the sure hands, quickening speed and the moves to be our finest receiver in recent years," Lee said.

O'Neal, insisting his probable starters as the pace here in fall drills quickened, said that Willie Hopkins, who returns after military service stint, will be at one of the running back spots along with John Roberts, the 206-pound steamrolling full-back from Valdosta, Ga.

Charlie Henry, a 5-10, 177-pound junior from Columbus, Ga., steps into the flanker spot as Lawrence, Henry is a speedster and has good hands. Paired with Lawrence and the tight end, Dave Wells, this trio gives Pounsel plenty to aim at as the Rams open up their attack this year.

Sid Gillman on Gary Garrison, San Diego's rookie end: "He went into Sunday's game (vs. Buffalo) on 50 seconds notice and caught two great passes. He is going to be a great pro." Garrison is the 22-year old end from San Diego State who was the leading pass receiver in the Chicago All-Star game and third in the MVP voting.



FRIENDLY RIVALRY -- Pittsburgh, Pa.: Pittsburgh Pirate teammates Roberto Clemente (left) and Matty Alou don't let their friendship hamper their spirited rivalry for the National League batting crown. Clemente won the batting crown three times and Alou is aiming for his first. (UPI PHOTO).



CLAY AT MOSQUE - Frankfurt, West Germany: Muhammad Ali (second from left), otherwise known as Cassius Clay, the world heavyweight boxing champion, kneels with other Moslems as he worships at Frankfurt's only mosque. Clay defeated Germany's Karl Mildenberger in a title bout at Frankfurt September 10th. (UPI PHOTO).



MAYS, MARICHAL KEY TO GIANTS' FLAG VICTORY

CHICAGO -- Sports fans everywhere are well acquainted with the phrase, "As Willie Mays Goes, So Go the Giants." However, in all fairness, that phrase should now be amended to read, "As Mays and Juan Marichal Go, So Go the Giants," for both men have figured stoutly in the Giants' current pennant drive.

This is not an attempt to slight other contributors to the Giants' cause. But without doubt the record of performance--particularly in the clutch--clearly shows Mays and Marichal to be the key men on the Giants team. But let's look at the hotly contested National League pennant race as a whole. Who are these men, teamwise, and what made them stand out?

Mays, and Marichal are, of course, the Giants' big stars--the main stars on whom the Bengals pin their hopes. For the Pittsburgh Pirates, who at this writing were leading the league (a half game ahead of the Giants), the big stars are Roberto Clemente, Matty Alou and Willie Stargell--all stick men.

And the Dodgers team pin its main hope on the strong arm of Sandy Koufax, the dazzling legs of Joe Mauer and the clutch playing of veteran Junior Gilliam.

Teamwise, the Bucs seem to be the most balanced team. Though not overpowering, they have the most consistently effective hitters in Clemente, Alou and Stargell. The Pirates also have more than adequate pitching with Vernon Law and Bob Veale among their main stays.

The Dodgers have a decided edge in pitching, with their big star being 22-game winner Koufax, and the best relief men in the business in Ron Perritoski, Phil Regan and Bob Miller. The Dodgers likewise have adequate hitting and the best running team in the league. Here is where Willie stands out as the greatest base stealer in baseball history.

The Giants, meanwhile, hold the edge in explosive power at the plate. Such sluggers as Willie Mays, who had 34 home runs at this writing; Jim Ray Hart (31), and big Willie McCovey, strike fear in the hearts of opposing pitchers.

The Giants also boast the two leading pitchers in the league, with Marichal (21-5) and Jim Perry (21-6) having won 42 games among them.

Moreover, the Giants drip with confidence, and are especially rough on the opposition at home. This is a key factor, because, of the 21 Giants games remaining (as of Sept. 8), 13 were to be played at home, mostly against second-division opponents. They had nine (9) games slated away from Candlestick Park.

The main force on the Giants, though, is Mays, who can beat you in a number of dreadful ways--at bat, in the field, and on the base path, as he did in propelling his team to an important 3-2 win over the Dodgers last week. Willie scored the decisive run all the way from first base on a single.

The Dodgers (Sept. 8) had 24 games remaining, including seven (7) against the Giants, four against Los Angeles, three against Philadelphia, four against Atlanta, three against St. Louis, and one against Houston. A pretty rough schedule for the Bucs.

As the record clearly shows, the teams are close to equal in overall ability. So the chances are the pennant will be decided largely by individual efforts. And that's what makes the players mentioned earlier the key men in the race.

A sustained hot streak, pitching or hitting, by anyone of these stars can carry his team to the NL flag. Clutch playing is also of great importance.

This being the case then, I am willing to go out once more on the proverbial limb and pick the Giants to win.

Why? Because of two fellows named Willie Mays and Juan Marichal.

55 Prospects Report At Livingstone

SALISBURY -- Coach John D. Marshall, II, was greeted by 55 prospects as the Livingstone College Bears opened drills for their early season opener against the Savannah State College Tigers of Georgia here September 17th.

This year's squad promises to be bigger and heavier than last year's with many freshmen candidates expected to share the load with 19 returning veterans. Coach Marshall hopes to build the Bear's fortunes for the 1966 season around 13 lettermen headed by Alfred Tyler senior quarterback and leading passer in the CIAA along with "Butch" Gibson, tight end who was the runner-up in pass receptions for the 1965 season.

Livingstone coaches express optimism about the season and the rugged ten-game schedule the Bears must face. The end positions will be ably manned by returning veterans with some good freshman prospects figuring in the attack. The interior of the Livingstone line presents the greatest challenge since both top performers, tackle Robert Cockerl and Winford Quick, graduated last year. Currently six candidates are fighting for the slots.

Alfred Tyler, star quarterback from last year's team is followed by three freshmen contenders including Probus Perkins, Dunbar High School, Lexington; James Sanders, J. T. Barber, New Bern, and Samuel Crosby from Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Livingstone Schedule shows the following games: Sept. 17, Savannah State at home; Sept. 24, at Fayetteville State College; Oct. 1, at Knoxville College; Oct. 8, Winston-Salem State College, home; Oct. 29, at Charlotte; Oct. 22, Norfolk State College, home; Oct. 29, at St.

Jets' Coach Weeb Ewbank Has Problem And Likes It

New York Jets' football coach Weeb Ewbank has a problem. His ace quarterback has been sidelined for almost a month.

The problem is so severe that Weeb has chuckled his way through four straight pre-season victories. He may still be laughing on Friday night when his Jets open the 1966 American Football League season against the new Miami Dolphins in Miami.

The inoperative quarterback is Joe Namath, the AFL's Rookie-of-the-Year last season. Namath damaged a knee in New York's first pre-season game, back on August 13, and hasn't been to the post since.

With Namath in the role of spectator, Mike Taliaferro, the so-called back-up man, directed the Jets to triumphs over Houston, Miami, the defending champion Buffalo Bills and Boston for a perfect pre-season record. What's more, Taliaferro, may just make history repeat itself for Mr. Ewbank.

Down in Baltimore a few years back, a coach named Weeb Ewbank had a successful quarterback named George Shaw. Shaw got hurt, and Ewbank went to an unheralded performer named John Unitas. When Shaw got healthy, Ewbank stuck with Unitas, and won a bundle of football games.

So what happens when Namath is healthy? "It's axiomatic in sports that you don't change a winner," Ewbank says candidly.

Enough said, at least for the moment. Taliaferro, somehow pronounced Taliaferro, is a winner at this juncture. So are the Jets.

If Taliaferro didn't prove that he belongs by pegging the New Yorkers to a 3-11 triumph over the Bills two weeks ago, he did by coming up with a brilliant performance against Boston at Mobile, Ala. last Thursday. Former Alabama star Namath drew the pre-game roars from many of his old partisans, but it was Taliaferro who was the crowd-pleaser thereafter.

The second leading passer in Illinois history as a collegian, Taliaferro completed 14 of 25 passes for 258 yards and three touchdowns as the Jets blitzed Boston 41-8. Mike hooked up for scoring passes of 74, 29 and 23 yards, the longie to end Don Maynard.

Namath and Taliaferro are Jet roommates, in addition to being quarterback competitors, and have nice things to say about each other.

Do they talk about the quarterback situation, such as No. 1 and who is No. 2?

"No, we don't," said Taliaferro, a 6-2, 205-pound bachelor who wouldn't be a bad bet for a screen test in the off-season. "It just never comes up. We talk about other things. We get along just fine."

Would Taliaferro be satisfied to be No. 2? Not on your life. "If you're willing to be second string," he offered, "that's what you'll always be...second string."

"You always try as hard as you can," Mike continued. "Look at Buffalo. Daryle Lamonica is a good quarterback and he's playing behind Jack Kemp, but I'm sure that Lamonica gives it everything he has."

Namath considers Taliaferro the Jet's quarterback. "Mike has played and I haven't," Joe points out. "...and look at our first two games. We play Miami and Houston, teams we have played already this year... and beaten... with Mike in there."

Capsule comment by Joe Collier, coach of the Buffalo Bills: "Ladd or no Ladd, San Diego's as strong as last year." Joe made the remark following the Chargers 27-7 win over his Bills last Sunday.

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